



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Madam/Sir:

Re: SAC 2011-01287-4A
Darlington/Chesterfield Counties

This is in response to your recent letter wherein you inquired as to the necessity of obtaining a Department of the Army permit for a project referred to as the "Docket No. AB-312(Sub-No. 3X) South Carolina Railroad Company, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, SC." This project consists of the abandonment of a 12.8 mile section of line between milepost 319.89 near Society Hill, Darlington County, SC and milepost 332.48 in Cheraw, Chesterfield County, SC.

Activities include the removal of the rail, crossties and possibly the upper layer of ballast. The crossties and all other debris will be transported away from the Line and will not be discarded along the right-of-way; nor be placed or left in Waters of the US.

A review of the information you provided indicates that the subject activities will not involve work in a Navigable Water of the United States, nor will it entail the placement of fill material in wetlands/waters of the United States. Therefore, a Department of the Army permit is not required, and you may proceed with the project.

In future correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to SAC 2011-01287-4A. You may need state or local assent. Prior to performing any work, you should contact the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Water. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to that agency for their information.

In order to assist us in improving our service to you, please complete the online survey found at <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (843) 365-4239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Abbott", with a large, stylized initial "S" and "A".

Sharon Abbott
Watershed Manager

Copy Furnished:

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